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COLLEEN AHO

**COMMISSIONER
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Colleen Aho is a Commissioner assigned to the North Central District, Minneapolis field office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). In this capacity, she assists parties in the private, public and federal sectors in contract negotiations, grievance mediation and in resolving workplace disputes. She is available to train labor and management advocates in collective bargaining, contract administration and grievance processing, steward/supervisor relationships, labor management committee structure and process, problem solving, communication and decision making.

Commissioner Aho came to FMCS from a national position in SAG-AFTRA, (Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists), where she was responsible for outreach, education and administration oversight for locals. Previously, she served as a local Director with the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), where she was chief executive and negotiator, with extensive experience across the media industry with both local and national employer groups. As a labor advocate, she participated in various labor-community partnerships and educational outreach programs, including working with the Minnesota AFL-CIO Organizing Roundtable, the University of Minnesota Labor Education Service and film industry foundations and partners.

Outside of her labor work, Commissioner Aho has been appointed and elected as Director on several statewide non-profit Boards of Directors, including ClearWayMN, Resource Center of the Americas and the Minnesota Humanities Center. Throughout her career, Commissioner Aho has had a strong focus on communication, outreach and relationship development. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Spanish from the University of Minnesota, and is bilingual in Spanish/English.